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THE LAY OF THE LAND

During the past year, ALT has more than doubled the number of acres permanently protected by conservation easements, from 211 to 513 acres and we have built our intown, mixed-income apartment complex. Both efforts embody ALT's vision of improving the quality of life for residents of our area by providing affordable housing opportunities near services and providing greenspace for recreation, food production, and air and water quality. Read more about our accomplishments below!

RESIDENTS MOVE INTO FOURTH STREET VILLAGE

During November 2007, the first residents moved into Fourth Street Village. Three buildings are complete and ready for occupancy,

while the remaining buildings will be finished in a few weeks. Fourth Street Village will provide 94 apartments for residents making less than 50% of Area Median income, or \$24,400 for a family of 3. ALT worked with Ambling Development Partners and Ambling Construction to build the units. The project received funding from



Fourth Street Village.

the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, Athens-Clarke County Department of Human and Economic Development, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta through member bank First American Bank and Trust. The complex will provide residents with a computer lab, a workout facility, a pool, a playground, and a natural area. Classes will be held on site for financial management and homebuyer education. The apartments are on the busline and are within walking distance of a grocery store, the Department of Labor, and a pharmacy, as well as across the street from the elementary school. Twenty percent of the apartments will also be market rate. We hope that Fourth Street Village becomes a wonderful home for those who need it.

MITCHELL FARM PROTECTED

An agricultural conservation easement permanently protecting 188 of farmland in Oconee County was finalized on November 8, 2007! This easement, conveyed by Sam Mitchell, owner of the 150-year-old farm, was purchased in part with the first grant given by the Georgia Land Conservation Program (GLCP). The easement was a collaboration between easement holder Athens Land Trust; the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), which provided 40% of the funding to purchase the easement; GLCP, providing 30% of the funding; Oconee County, granting 5%; and Mr. Mitchell, donating 25%. A celebration was held at the Mitchell Farm on November 28. NRCS State Conservationist James Tillman, GLCP Director Curt Soper, and Oconee County Commission Chairman Melvin Davis praised the collaborative effort, the hard work by ALT, and the donation by the Mitchell family. ALT now holds 4 easements protecting a total of 360 acres of farmland in Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties.



The Sam Mitchell Farm.

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Athens Land Trust is to promote quality of life through integration of community and the natural environment by preserving land, creating energy-efficient and affordable housing, and revitalizing neighborhoods.

BOARD & STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to welcome several new people to ALT's board and staff.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Stephen Cramer recently purchased the house at 245 North Rocksprings Street where he lives with his girlfriend Sabrina Cuadra. He is employed by American Red Cross Blood Services as the Customer Service Representative. He has previously lived in Ohio, Michigan and Virginia before moving to Athens in 2005. Stephen is looking forward to helping the Athens community as a board member at Athens Land Trust. In his spare time, he enjoys music, art, movies and making plans for his house!

Cleo Givens grew up the youngest of ten, in a historic home in downtown Lexington, Georgia. She attended the University of Georgia and is a graduate of Albany State with a degree in Sociology. Her son, Antwon, is a recent graduate of Georgia Southern and was a football coach at Clarke-Central this past fall. Cleo is an avid reader and she enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren. She and her husband, Willie, have been married nearly 30 years. They are the new residents of 215 Colima.

Jared Harper is a retired early childhood educator originally from the Midwest, although he and his wife, Elena have lived in the Athens area for over 35 years. They heard about ALT through their involvement in Partners for Prosperous Athens and believe that an investment in ALT is an investment in the future. Jared's spare time is devoted to building a large model railroad, reading, and cooking. He gets out daily for a 4.7 mile walk, picking up recycling and trash on the way. They have two grown daughters and nine cats.

Katie Kandalec is a native of historic Muskegon, Michigan, and came to Georgia by way of three years spent in Yellowstone National Park. She has been in Athens for seven years, during which time she's earned degrees in Accounting

and Business, and Business Education from UGA. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree and expects to graduate summer of '08. She works in development at UGA, as well as runs her own small equestrian boarding facility out of a preserved 120-year-old barn.

Howard "Robby" Roberts has been retired from the banking industry since 2005. He had previously served as President of First Newton Bank (FNB) for 15 years and had worked in banking since the late 1970s. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia, and he now serves on the board of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. In his spare time he enjoys golf, fishing, and spending time in the mountains of North Carolina.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Nelda Parker is ALT's new Administrative Assistant. Nelda has 27 years of experience in administration at the Dean Rusk Center for International, Comparative, and Graduate Legal Studies at UGA. She took early retirement from the university so that she could spend more time with her elderly father who lives in Winterville. When she has free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, cooking and gardening.

INTERNS

ALT had several wonderful interns over the past year that have helped strengthen our programs. Law student **Elizabeth Long** helped during the summer, while several undergraduate students helped out this fall. They were **Maggie Goode, Katie Walsh, and Jackie Obiofuma.**



Katie Walsh, pictured right, went above and beyond in helping ALT during Fall semester. Katie is a senior in the Grady School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

CONSERVATION NEWS

HOUSE FARM PROTECTED

In February 2007, ALT finalized a conservation easement purchase on 50 acres of Rickey and Kay House's farm. The House farm already was selected for funding by the Natural Resource Conservation Service for its Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) in 2006 before we learned that the proposed Highway 441 route around Bishop would intersect the easement. A different portion of the farm was subsequently selected for protection, and this easement became ALT's second Oconee County farm to be preserved. The House family donated the maximum FRPP allowance of acreage and Oconee County allocated most of the matching funds for the easement, but funding still was short of the goal. Several generous and visionary individual

donors provided the remaining funds: Theresa Perenich, Vivian Williams, Peter Wylie, Dr. and Mrs. J. Derrell Clark, Chuck Williams of North Georgia Bank, L.D. Davol, and Rosemary Franklin.

John Kissane, ALT's Conservation Director, worked long and hard with the House family to complete this easement and the celebration was held on July 17th at the House farm. State Conservationist James Tillman of the Natural Resource Conservation Service said at the dedication that he believes this to be the first and only farm in Georgia protected with direct donations from private individuals.

MORE LAND BEING PROTECTED

Two additional easement donations are close to completion. Thirteen acres along the North Oconee River will be permanently protected with a donation of a conservation easement by Carl and Carmen Jordan. This property has beautiful hardwoods and river frontage. In addition, 50 acres of woods and fields in Oconee County will be protected by an easement donated by Clay Bryant.

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS TO PROTECT WALTON FARM

In June 2007, the Natural Resource Conservation Service allocated funds for 50% of the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on 50 acres of prime farmland in Walton County. On September 2007, the Georgia Land Conservation Program awarded Walton County matching funds to protect the farm, owned by Dale Wiley. Mr. Wiley is donating a portion, as well as a second conservation easement to protect the remaining 110 acres of his family farm. The cattle and hay farm is adjacent to Lake Varner, a watershed lake for Newton and Walton Counties. The Wiley easement will be the first property in Walton County protected by ALT.



A view of the farm of Rickey and Kay House in Oconee County

LAURA HALL ATTENDS LTA RALLY

ALT's new Conservation Director, Laura Hall, attended the National Land Trust Alliance Rally in Denver, Colorado, in October 2007. Laura attended workshops regarding easement monitoring, land stewardship, and economic benefits

of easement donations.

SPECIAL THANKS

Students in board member Alfie Vick's Landscape Architecture classes at UGA helped with planning and design of several conservation projects. Students Megan Mailloux and Sam Valentine also helped to map and document several easement projects.

ALT is very grateful to Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan and local attorney Kesler Roberts for their legal help with our recent easements.

ADDITIONAL THANKS TO:

Kate Blane, computer support ~ Philip Juras, website ~ Joe O'Brien, conservation ~ Sue Wilde, archives ~ George Wright, housing

HOUSING UPDATE



The Elder Family at the October 23rd open house. From l-r, Sharmar, Courtney, Diane, and her sister and niece.

DONOR HELPS FAMILY FIND A HOME

ALT received a generous donation from a donor wanting to assist Diane Elder and her family find a home of their own. We located a foreclosure in the Winterville neighborhood where Diane was renting and were able to renovate it and make it affordable for her family. The Elders have moved into their home on Susan Circle and will be lease purchasing it for a few months while Diane obtains a mortgage. This home will remain permanently affordable through the community land trust model.



After 11 months of construction, Fourth Street Village is close to completion. This building is ready for occupants.

WOMENBUILD!

Athens Land Trust has partnered with Athens Area Habitat for Humanity on an exciting new project. ALT had a vacant lot on Waddell Street and Habitat volunteers will be building a new home on the property for a first-time homebuyer. The home will be built using environmentally-friendly building practices and it will be built only by women as part of Habitat's WomenBuild program. This partnership highlights the strengths of both organizations, pairing the volunteer labor of Habitat with the permanent affordability provided by the land trust.

A ground breaking was held for the home at 883 Waddell Street on November 14th.



The steering committee for the ALT/Habitat WomenBuild breaks ground at 883 Waddell Street.

LOT DONATION

In November 2007, ALT was fortunate to receive the donation of a lot in the Forest Heights neighborhood to be used for a new land trust home. The lot was given to ALT by Upshaw Bentley, Jr. and Mrs. Gwen Griffin. We are very appreciative of the donation and look forward to moving a family into a new energy-efficient and environmentally friendly home. Thank you, Mr. Bentley and Mrs. Griffin!



Funding made available for these affordable housing projects by Athens-Clarke County Department of Human & Economic Development (HED) HOME and CDBG Programs of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Private Mortgages!

Thank you to the individuals who have made a huge impact on the lives of ALT homeowners by providing the funds for mortgages.

NEW HOMEOWNERS

Paul and Diane Shaw became the owners of 816 Waddell Street after a period of lease-purchase. The Shaws received American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) funds from Athens-Clarke County to help purchase their home and they worked with SunTrust Bank to secure a fixed-rate mortgage. Paul has worked for St. Mary's Hospital for 15 years and Diane watches their grandchildren during the day. Congratulations, Paul and Diane!

DARIUS GOES HOME

Jamie Robinson and her son, Darius Weems, have a home of their own thanks to the help of some amazing individuals. Fans of *Darius Goes West*



Daniel Epting was the driving force behind making Jamie & Darius's house fit their needs.

donated funds to make 235 N. Rocksprings affordable for Jamie. In addition, she received a mortgage from a private individual to purchase the home. After Jamie closed on the mortgage, Daniel Epting organized a volunteer effort to make the house larger and accessible for Darius and his mother. They also installed a roll-in shower for Darius who is in a wheelchair due to his Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). To learn more about Darius's trip west and his efforts to raise money to find a cure for DMD, you can visit his website at www.dariusgoeswest.com.

CUTTING THE RIBBON

Angela Phinazee and her two daughters are the proud new owners of the house at 51 Dublin Street



From l-r, Angela Phinazee, Ayzia, and Iza with Angela's brother in the background.

in East Athens. She's excited to be the first homeowner in her family and is pleased to live in the neighborhood near her mother. Angela received a mortgage from private individuals who are interested in helping others. Angela works at the Home Depot Distribution Center in Braselton.

CLOSING THE DEAL

Stephen Cramer is the new owner of 245 N. Rocksprings. Stephen obtained a fixed-rate mortgage through the Community Commitment Program at Bank of America. As a community land trust, ALT's board of directors is made up of at least one-third homeowners. We are happy to have Stephen serving as a board member. See page 2 for more about Stephen.



Stephen Cramer (l) shakes hands with closing attorney Mitchell Gibbs of the Law Offices of M. Barton Rice.

THREE HISTORIC HOUSES ARE REHABILITATED

During the past few months, ALT has completed the rehabilitation of three historic houses in the Hancock Corridor. Two of the houses, 861 and 865 Waddell, were the most challenging projects ALT has completed to date. These houses, known as Mustard and Ketchup, were long a blight to the neighborhood and almost beyond saving when ALT received approval from the State Historic Preservation Office to begin work.



Contractor Garnett Williams did a beautiful job with the rehab and these two houses now completely transform the neighborhood.

An addition was added to 861 Waddell, formerly a 3-room house, making it a spacious two-bedroom home. ALT President Jonathan Biron and Chris Evans designed the addition. Interior design and finishes were chosen by ALT's Housing Director Heather Benham and both houses are now beautiful inside and out.

The homes are also healthy and energy-efficient, with blown cellulose insulation, Energy-Star appliances, no VOC paints, and high-efficiency heating and cooling units. The existing hardwood floors were retained as much as possible. 865 Waddell was given an energy audit as part of a workshop, "Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings," presented on November 1, 2007, by the Athens-Clarke County Historic Preservation Commission, Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, and ALT.

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865 Waddell, "Ketchup," before rehab (above) and restored to its former glory (right). Photos of the interior (above) show the condition before rehab, during construction and once finished.



The third historic home, 215 Colima, was beautifully rehabilitated by Contractor Mike Todd. The Colima house was previously the home of the Callaway family. Seventeen siblings were raised in the home, which was built in the 1930s by their father Robert Callaway. Several members of the family came to the June 15th Ribbon Cutting to welcome the new homeowners, Cleo and Willie Givens, to their former home.

Willie and Cleo have rented in the neighborhood for over thirty years and are excited about their “new” historic home. Cleo is looking forward to the end of the drought so that she can landscape her yard just the way she wants (with drought tolerant plants, of course).

Financing for these rehab projects included a grant from the Athens-Clarke County Department of Human and Economic Development, a construction loan from First American Bank and Trust, a grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation, and support from the Athens Housing Authority. Thanks to everyone who made these projects a reality!

215 Colima before rehab (above left), 215 Colima after rehab (above) and former owner Helen Callaway Jackson and Mayor Heidi Davison help new owners Cleo and Willie Givens cut the ribbon on their new home (below).



861 Waddell, “Mustard,” before rehab



861 Waddell after rehab

PARTNERSHIPS



Oscar Cardenas (l) and Jack Hudson (r) replace a window during Hands on Athens.

HANDS ON ATHENS

ALT volunteers came out in force for Hands on Athens March 30-April 1, 2007. We worked on Ms. Julia Jones' home on Magnolia Avenue. During the weekend, we replaced 6 windows and a rotten sill, fixed a large hole in her floor, repaired water-damaged siding, and poured concrete to direct water away from her home. We also painted her home a lovely shade of sherbert that she selected.



Eric Wright, of **Related Recycling**, donated his services to recycle the mountain of shingles shown above. Related Recycling can also recycle drywall, wood, masonry, and other construction materials. Thanks, Eric. If you want to keep construction debris out of the landfill, give him a call at 706.224.1601.

PEOPLE OF HOPE NEWS

People of Hope (PoH) is excited about realizing their dream of a resident-controlled, permanently affordable manufactured housing community on their Freeman Drive property. Board, staff and consultants of People of Hope are working with Athens-Clarke County officials to secure the permits needed to begin construction. PoH plans to begin clearing the site in early 2008 to install a community center that will provide space for monthly meetings and community gatherings. Go to www.peopleofhope.us for more information.

CAHEC GRANT

ALT received one of four 2007 Open Doors Homeownership Grants awarded by the Community Affordable Housing Equity Corporation (CAHEC). Headquartered in Raleigh, NC, and serving the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic region, CAHEC is a nonprofit organization that raises equity to invest in the development of affordable rental housing. CAHEC received applications from a wide range of non-profits in five southeastern states.

ALT will use the \$5,000 grant to fund a Case Manager who will assist our clients through the mortgage process and market our available homes. Our experience has shown that without mortgage-ready clients, houses rehabilitated or built by ALT could remain empty. The potential homebuyers that ALT is targeting are generally the first homebuyers in their families and as a result need additional support and direction to obtain a mortgage. ALT is pleased to have Barbara Bacon, a certified Housing Counselor, as our Case Manager.

Thank you, CAHEC, for choosing ALT!

Zach Martin, store manager for Sherwin Williams, wheeling a few of the 70 gallons donated to ALT by a Mike Todd. Sherwin Williams has agreed to tint all the paint for us for free. Thanks, Sherwin Williams and Mike Todd!



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WEDDING GIFTS

Emily Patterson and Jeffrey Boring, former ALT board member and staff member respectively, married this past summer and honored ALT as the beneficiary of their wedding favors. Thank You!

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A few of the donors who made the House conservation easement possible celebrate with Rickey House. Left - right: Melvin Davis, Chuck Williams, Brad Wilson representing Vivian Williams, Dr. Derrell Clark, Mrs. Clark, and Rickey House.

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Mike & Christy Todd
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Elena Brown and Jared Harper found a new way to donate to us. They authorized their bank to make a monthly payment directly to ALT. We hope that others will follow this method of giving that is easy, generous, and significant! Thanks, Elena and Jared!

spirit of the land

~THE FOURTH ANNUAL WINE & ART BENEFIT FOR LAND CONSERVATION~

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 ~ SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008

ALT and the Oconee River Land Trust (ORLT) will partner for the fourth year to present an art sale and wine tasting to benefit land conservation. Proceeds from the event will support conservation efforts in Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties, as well as other parts of northeast Georgia.

Spirit of the Land 2008 will take place in the Visitor's Center Conservatory at the Botanical Garden. The land trusts will again host a curated exhibition and art sale, featuring artworks by many well-known local artists whose visions heighten our appreciation of the land. This year's exhibit will be curated by René Shoemaker, and our signature artist will be June Ball.



An opening reception for the art exhibit will be held on Sunday, June 8, in the Botanical Garden Conservatory. The exhibit will last for two weeks until the gala event on June 21. All works will be on sale for the duration of the exhibit and again, sales from the *Spirit of the Land* art exhibit will be split with the artists. This creates a sustainable model to benefit land conservation for years to come, while supporting our creative community.

On Saturday, June 21, 2008, the celebration will culminate

in a wonderful event in the Botanical Gardens Conservatory. It will feature live music, hors d'oeuvres, tasting of high-quality wines, and an auction of unique items.

Please mark your calendar and watch for additional information coming soon!

2007 Annual Meeting

The meeting began and ended with refreshments at 865 Waddell, where approximately 100 attendees toured the home and observed such renovations as the expertly refinished original flooring and flawlessly matched areas where the original had been too unsound to retain. Refreshments were generously donated by Cecilia Villeveces' Cakes, Alps Road Chick Fil-A, and Publix, and were accompanied by Pinar Brummer's delicious Greek food trays and Martha Rayburn's cheese straws.

Moving next door to the equally handsome house at 861 Waddell Street, the meeting convened with an overview of projects and accomplishments presented by ALT directors and staff. Accompanying photographs and slides showed some of the beautiful 513 acres of farmland in Clarke and surrounding counties that are protected permanently by ALT conservation easements and some of the renovated affordable houses bringing life back into their neighborhoods. We were pleased to have many members in attendance, along with our affordable housing contractors and some homeowners and homeowners-to-be; and we are grateful for attendance from Athens-Clarke County departmental staff and commissioners whose support is so vital to our success.

Many thanks go to Katie Walsh, UGA student intern, for her help and contributions and to The Cat's Pajamas, City Salon and Spa, and The Omni Club for gifts and door prizes. We would also like to thank the Athens Housing Authority for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot.

SPIRIT OF THE LAND CONTRIBUTORS ~ MARCH 2007

The third Spirit of the Land was a success, raising close to \$15,000 for the land conservation work done by both the Athens Land Trust and the Oconee River Land Trust. About 100 people attended the event on March 31, to celebrate the beauty and fruit of the land through unique works of art as well as wonderful and unusual wines.

The success of the exhibition and art sale was due to curator René Shoemaker of UGA Circle Gallery and the participation of our wonderful local artists. At the event, attendees enjoyed music by Tin Cup Prophette, wines from Gosford Wine, and hors d'oeuvres from Donderos.

Many thanks to all the artists and donors who made our third year another success! Please see the complete list below of these generous community members. Special thanks also to the Botanical Garden for the beautiful venue and exhibit space.

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Alan Campbell, Marsh Pond, oil on canvas, 2007

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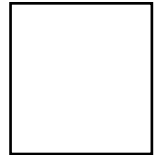
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